are being developed. There is apparently no need for promoting any other system which does not have any widespread roots in the country. Many persons from India have visited China and reported about the status and practise of Chinese traditional medicine. The knowledge about development of systems of other countries is helpful in promotion of Systems of Medicine prevalent in the country.

Number of posts of private secretaries attached to Secretaries in Central Government

3137. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of Private Secretaries in the Centra, Secretariat stenographers servicel attached to the Secretaries to Government of India and equivalent officers, up-graded in the year 1987 to the level of posts with pay scale of Rs. 3000-4500 ;

(b) the broad criteria for filling up the upgraded posts ;

(c) the number of persons to the feeder grade fulfilling the criteria as on 31st December, 1987 ;

(d) whether regular appointments to the upgraded posts have been made from amongst those mentioned at (c) above ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) About 90 posts have been upgraded .

(b) Pending finalisation of Recruitment Rules for the new grade of Private Secretaries, Ministries/Departments were advised to make *ad-hoc* appointment to eligible officers.

(c) The feeder grades are decentralised grades controlled by respective Ministries and Departments. The information sought is not maintained centrally.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Recruitment Rules have not yet been finalised.

National Centre for Medium range *Weather*

3138. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Centre for Medium Range Weather (NCMRW) Forcasting is being kept at New Delhi inspite of the technical expert Committee's recommendations for its establishment at Pune ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many scientists have protested against this move ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government after taking into account all aspects of the matter in their totality took the decision to locate the Centre in New Delhi.

(c) and (d) Government are not aware of any protests.